



Arizona

Community Development Program

Purpose

To assist local underserved communities identify their primary care needs, build capacity and mobilize the local resources to develop or improve primary care services.

The Community Development program supports President Bush's National Initiative to improve primary care services for underserved areas and vulnerable populations by creating new and expanding the existing health centers.

Need

- Approximately 34% of Arizona population resides in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and designated Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) or Medically Underserved Population (MUP).
- Current Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in the state serve only 4.5% of Arizona's population.

Activities

- Identify underserved communities statewide and prioritize those that are requesting assistance and are ready to develop and improve their primary care services.
- Create, review, approve, and monitor local health agency's primary care grants to leverage additional dollars for underserved communities.
- Provide training, technical assistance, and targeted communities and disseminate information to assist the communities regarding the 330 funding process.
- Collaborate with community leaders to assess primary care needs and to develop strategies for program design, implementation and evaluation.
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate data and statistical reports.

Highlights:

- 14 BPHC funded sites operating 82 access points that serve 265,259 Arizonans of which 52% are below 100% of federal poverty line and 34% are uninsured.
- 8 Primary Care Mini-Grant awards made for FY 05-06 in partnership with St. Luke's Health Initiatives and Arizona Health Facilities Authority.
- 5 counties identified as high priority for community development activities.
- 3 training sessions conducted on availability, and utilization of federal and state health data resources.

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